

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 34 and continuing to page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The method according to the invention is particularly suitable for preparing N-Gly-terminal tetra-, penta-, hexa-, hepta- and octapeptides, such as in particular the sequences mentioned above, and more particularly Gly-Phe-Leu-Gly (SEQ ID NO: 1), by a sequence of reactions according to which

- (a) the synthesis of a compound of general formula (II) is carried out by successive peptide couplings of a fragment of general formula (VI) in which B denotes an amino acid as described above, in particular Phe, with various fragments F which are persilylated, in particular pertrimethylsilylated, amino acids;
- (b) the compound of general formula (II) is subjected, in accordance with the method according to the invention as described above, to a reaction with a compound of general formula (III).